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Paris, and as a result of the inquiries that were set on foot it was soon ascer-tained that no such concession had been granted by the French government to Count Vilamarina or snyone else. Ow-ing to the energetic action of Mr. Boyd May, the gentleman who had paid area May, the gentleman who had paid over £10,000 was fortunate enough to recover the sum, but other victims have been less successful. The Count had a con-federate in France in the person of a former junior official at the ministry of finance, who seems to have got posse sion of ministerial note-paper and rubber stamps.

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discovered that the protty white face of her baby had turned black. Mr. Parker was called and went for a physician, who ordered the removal of the child to the Chester County Hospital. Early next morning George was carried to the hospital. For two days he was a puzzle to the physicians and nurses. Finally its face was restored to a normal white, and it was taken to its perents' home. It is supposed that a slight shock of electricity passed through the frail body and had an effect on the blood. This is the only solution of the phenomenon reached by

about the face. She feared it was about to return to the condition it was in after the lightning illuminated the bed-room. It was decided to return to the hospital with the baby, when a thunder-storm came along and caused a postpone-ment. The child's lips also turned purple, and the parents were much alarmed. During the storm the child cried, and several remedies were resorted to without

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